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These federal funds will continue rehabilitation of historic Hoboken landmark

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), and Congressman Albio Sires (NJ-13) announced today that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded \$3,000,000 for the third phase of the Hoboken Ferry Terminal Rehabilitation project. This federal funding was awarded through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Ferryboat Discretionary program. Phase III of the Hoboken Terminal Ferry Rehabilitation consists of restoring the Terminal's original ferry slips, allowing the current operation to move from the temporary docking facility on barges on the Terminal's south side.

"This funding will not only further enhance the historic Hoboken Ferry Terminal, it will promote increased use of mass-transit, curbing carbon emissions and reducing traffic," said Senator Menendez. "This shovel-ready project will create over 200 jobs and will help in the completion of a long-awaited transportation improvement that became so necessary after the terror attacks in 2001 brought increased ridership to and from Manhattan."

"The Hoboken Ferry Terminal is a critical transportation link for the region, connecting thousands of passengers from buses, light rail and trains, because of this funding the area will benefit from improved transportation options and increased job opportunities," said Congressman Sires. "Given the ferry's history in emergency situations – such as rescuing passengers when Flight 1549 went down in the Hudson and providing service after the 9/11 attacks – I am especially pleased that it was selected to receive this funding."

The Hoboken Terminal is a multi-modal transportation hub which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, serving over 3.5 million riders. The Terminal connects many NJ TRANSIT commuter rail lines, buses, Hudson Bergen Light Rail, PATH, Hudson River Waterfront Walkway and ferry service. This rehabilitation effort will replace the temporary docking facility that has been in use since the terminal's ferry slips were placed back in service in 1989. Ferry boat handling capacity will increase by 25%, increasing travel capacity and travel options for area residents and commuters alike.

This federal funding will allow NJ Transit and the Port Authority of NY and NJ to complete Phase III of this project.

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